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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU
TO AMEMBASSY BISSAU NIACT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY CONAKRY NIACT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7743
INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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FOR CHARGE FROM MOOSE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (MOOSE, RICHARD)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MOOSE VISIT TO BISSAU

REF: BAMAKO 3594 (NOTAL)

1. AF AAST SEC MOOSE, ACCOMPANIED BY AF/W DIRECTOR,
AF STAFF ASSISTANT, AND FORMER USICA PROGAM DIRECTOR
FOR WEST AFRICA (PETTY) NOW PLAN TO FLY FROM BAMAKO
TO CONAKRY AUGUST 2 (IN DAO AIRCRAFT FROM KINSHASA)
AFTER MISS LILLIAN'S AIRCRAFT HAS DEPARTED BAMAKO
FOR PARIS AT 1200 HOURS. CONAKRY HAS PROPOSED SCHEDULE
WHICH INCLUDES MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY STAFF ON AFTER-
NOON AUGUST 2, AND SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH GUINEAN
MINISTERS BEGINNING MORNING AUGUST 3. MOOSE IS
CONSIDERING WHETHER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO PAY SHORT VISIT TO BISSAU AFTERNOON

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AUGUST 2. IN BRIEF, WE ARE EXAMINING THE MERITS
OF FLYING FROM BAMAKO TO BISSAU LEAVING BAMAKO
AT 1230 HOURS AUGUST 2, ARRIVING BISSAU
APPROXIMATELY 1430 HOURS AUGUST 2; MEETING WITH
SENIOR GUINEA BISSAU OFFICIALS THAT AFTERNOON
AND EVENING; OVERNIGHTING IN BISSAU, AND DEPARTING
BISSAU FOR CONAKRY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

AUGUST 3 WHICH WE ESTIMATE WOULD MEAN ARRIVAL IN
CONAKRY NO LATER THAN 0900 HOURS AUGUST 3.

2. FOR BISSAU: YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT APPROACH
GUINEA BISSAU GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME, BUT WE
WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF WHICH
SENIOR GUINEA BISSAU OFFICIALS WE MIGHT MEET AND
UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES. FOR INSTANCE WOULD DINNER
OR SMALL RECEPTION BY THE CHARGE BE POSSIBLE OR
PREFERABLE TO OFFICE CALLS? THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS
VISIT WOULD BE TO MAKE CONTACT AND EXCHANGE VIEWS
ON RANGE OF AFRICA TOPICS.

3. FOR CONAKRY: WE RECOGNIZE THAT ABRUPT
SHORTENING OF MOOSE'S VISIT TO CONAKRY WOULD NOT ONLY
DEPRIVE HIM OF OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH AMERICAN
STAFF, BUT ALSO MIGHT BE REGARDED BY GUINEAN
GOVERNMENT AS A SLIGHT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
ADVICE ON THIS POINT. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IF
TIME PERMITTED WOULD BE USEFUL TO STOP AT CGB
BAUXITE COMPLEX, BUT BELIEVE THIS WOULD LEAVE TOO LITTLE TIME IN
CONAKRY. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

7. FOR SECSTATE: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS
OR COMMENTS AMBASSADOR MARKS MAY WISH TO MAKE.

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5. FOR MONROVIA: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS
ON FEASIBILITY OF PROPOSALS MADE IN PARA 2, AND IN
PARTICULAR, YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF FLYING TIMES AND
COMMENT ON READINESS WITH WHICH OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION
WOULD BE GRANTED.

6. MOOSE DEPART OUAGADOUGOU SUNDAY, JULY 30 AT
1700 HOURS FOR BAMAKO. MOOSE IS UNWILLING TO
CHANGE PRESENT PLANS TO DEPART CONAKRY AUGUST 4
FOR PARIS ON UTA AND OBVIOUS ALTERNATIVE TO FOREGOING,
VISIT TO BISSAU AFTER CONAKRY IN DAO AIRCRAFT, WOULD
MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONNECT TO ANY FLIGHTS TO
EUROPE AND U.S. THAT WOULD ENABLE HIM TO REACH
WASHINGTON IN TIME TO MEET SCHEDULED COMMITMENTS. KILLION

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